

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
July 30, 2019 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Montello, Ron Volkert, and Tom Weinmeyer

Others Present: Craig Yehlik, Matt Melby, Mike Darrow, and Marie Bannink

Mike Montello called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Mike Montello moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

Mike Montello moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting of June 18, 2019, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

Golf Cart Ordinance:

Mike Darrow gave an update on the golf cart ordinance. There are 46 states that allow golf carts on municipal streets. The City of Appleton is completing a community process regarding the use of golf carts on the streets. AARP has put together a document regarding golf carts on municipal streets.

Mike proposed the following timeline for creating an ordinance regarding golf carts:

August – Staff will create possible maps and routes, review the complete streets policy, look at the New Richmond Way and how it applies in this situation, and create a small advisory team.

September – Staff will plan two community conversation meetings to obtain public feedback, the Public Safety Committee will meet to discuss a proposed ordinance, and the City Council will discuss the proposed ordinance at the Council work session.

October – Council will review recommendations and make a final decision regarding golf carts on municipal streets.

October – April – If approved by Council, Staff will create wayfinding, complete a permit process, sign designated routes, educate residents and present “Mobility NR”.

The article from AARP is a great guideline, but it does not fit all communities. It was the consensus of the committee to approve the timeline as outlined.

Chief Yehlik was concerned about golf cart operability in the city, and how to get people from north, south, east & west. He also had concerns about traffic and safety equipment that will need to be installed on the golf carts including turn signals, headlights, seatbelts, etc.

Ron Volkert suggested golf carts only operate on streets with a speed limit of 25 mph, and not be allowed on Knowles Avenue. They could be allowed on streets such as West Eighth Street by South Dakota Avenue to Deerfield.

The following people will be on the Advisory Committee: Ron Volkert, Chief Yehlik, Jim VanderWyst, Matt Melby, City staff, Jeremiah Wendt and Mike Darrow. This group will meet and give an update at the August work session.

There will need to be designated crossing areas. Staff will work with businesses on designated parking areas. There was discussion whether permits should be issued or not.

Fire Alarms/Security Camera

Jeremiah Wendt updated the committee on the systems for the Civic Center, Library and Police Department. Staff recommends holding off on the Library until we know the future of the building. Staff proposed replacing the security systems at the Police Department at a cost of \$19,953 and replacing the security system at the Civic Center at a cost of \$14,000, with no sprinkler systems. Mike Montello asked how this fits with the remodel project at the Civic Center. Jeremiah stated this is a standalone project. A RFP is being sent out for the redesign of the Civic Center. Currently there is a security camera system at the Civic Center, so we will try to use what is in place. We will also have Officer Anderson put an assessment together for more direction. Jeff Swanson, with the Fire Department has also gone through this training. Mike Montello requested improving security at the Civic Center as soon as possible for the safety of the employees. Mike Montello moved to approve the fire alarm/security system proposal as presented, with added urgency of for the civic center building, seconded by Tom Weinmeyer and carried.

Communication/Miscellaneous

None

Mike Montello moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Volkert and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Minutes by Marie Bannink